## **City of Portland**

## Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing Hosting IMLLC for a Town Hall on PPB Response to 2020 Protests Meeting Summary, October 12, 6-8:30 PM

- Intro by Nick Mitchell, introducing IMLLC
- Intro Phillip Muir (former NYPD inspector general), Pete Davidoff (30 year law enfrocement expert), Matt Budas (PhD in public policy and researcher, policy director for Denver PD), Nick Mitchell, appointed court monitor for LACSD
- **Linda**: calls out bullying in chat, re-traumitization, Portland is missing the ball with community engagement
- **Jake**: Hopes that Nick Mitchell will listen to PCCEP members. Mayor Wheeler and PPB have ignored the community even though they say they want to lsiten. Town Hall wasn't adequately publicized. Event is re-opening wounds two years later. Called out RRT 'acting like cowards' for resigning after being held accountable. Says Wheeler is in pocket of PBA.
- Andrew Tolman: ASL street interpreter, started with Abolish ICE movement, calls out lack of ASL interpretation at forum as ADA violation. City is disgusting. Shared personal arrest story. Arrested for interpreting in the street, while on Facebook Live, including interpreting PPB's commands. Doxxed by Angy Ngo (in audience). Performs as drag queen under name Ann J. Tifa (Antifa). Calls out abuse of disabled people by cops.
- **Roza**: Portland resident since 2018, brutalized by cops. Calls out CS gas as Geneva Convention violation. Says that many people not testifying have been having heavy or missing periods. Says they are still dealing with skin and eye damage that hasn't fully healed. Munition blew up at feet for holding a sign.
- **Ann Campbell**: PCCEP member appointed just before murder of George Floyd. PCCEP held three town halls in 2020. They were recorded, heard over 700 community members.
- **Ashley Schofield**: PCCEP member appointed this summer. Mother. Home owner. 202 happened because we were sick and tired. We were radicals because we wanted to fix the root causes. We all want public safety but policing isn't safety. PPB is racist, white supremacist. They collaborate with racists to keep them safe and help them spread evil. Our hate for PPB is real.
- **Debbie Hall**: Identifies self as tourist. Portland is 75% white. No minorities present (editor: this is factually untrue). Portlanders are destroying own economy with defund nonsense. We should be prosecuting people who destroy property and commit violence.
- **Kat Mahoney**: Korean immigrant, ACLU legal observer, attorney in Portland. Saw PPB beating protestors who were complying. I was arrested while legally observing and listening to police. Riot van was playing a game of speeding up and slowing down while ordering people not to pass. Trying to keep pace while that was happening, while also getting conflicting commands from officers. Grabbed and

shoved by Justin D'amaville, grabbed onto Oliphant to catch balance, then had arm ripped out of socket, face shoved into concrete. When asked for lawyer and wouldn't tell them my name, they said they knew who I was. Later was doxxed by Andy Ngo and received death threats. Recently someone posted my home address in Telegram. Portland Police officers posted my name, job, and address to Instagram.

- JJ: Mom. took HS-aged daughter to protest after George Floyd killing. At some point police told us to leave. It was confusing, didn't know where to go. There were rumors about proud boys. There was pepper balls and tear gas. Eventually got to car but then had difficulty getting out with the crowd being pushed by police. Worried about people with conditions and how they would be affected by rough police activity and tear gas. Said daughter doesn't want to go to protests anymore. Says there is a police work slowdown in retaliation for budget cuts.
- **Paul**: Support KM, Ashley, and Jake's statement. Lived here for 10 years. Didn't think PPB was worse than other police groups before 2018/2019. Now see them as a hate group. PPB was seeking retribution in Floyd response. They were using vehicles as weapons. City hasn't addressed any PPB abuses. PPB has to go.
- **Beatrix**: quoted Alex Vitale's "End of Policing". Problem is policing itself and expansion over the last 40 years. Police started in Carolinas as slave patrols. I've seen the military-style Bearcat and dozens of cars. PPB has not been defunded. There has been no accountability for 6k uses of force.
- **Brandon Farley**: Lived downtown half my life. Videographer. Targeted by Antifa because of my reporting. I was never arrested. I was shot by a less lethal a few times, one of them was my fault for getting too close to a scene that was out of hand. I'm not going to cry about it. The chemical spray wasn't that bad. I breathed it without a mask. People are exaggerating and being dramatic. Nobody is missing their periods because of it. Antifa was hurling racist remarks, molotov cocktails. Officers were doing their best, working overtime. I did sue the city after my first rubber bullet, and I won a few thousand dollars by going through the process. Others could have done that instead of yelling.
- **Angela**: I worked downtown, near the justice center. It was dangerous, the building was damaged. I haven't been back in 2.5 years because of the rioters. People are complaining but not taking accountability for their own choices. I didn't put myself in those situations. People are shouting me down in the chat saying I should shut up. There are officers that need accountability, but mostly they were in an impossible position. The mayor, city council, JoAnn Hardesty, and the city is mostly at fault. People were bussing around, being professional protesters. If they had roots in this city, they wouldn't be trying to turn it into a cesspool. (Cut off for being over time).

## **Ten Minute Break**

Angela: Protested for 70 nights. Became infertile. Tear gas used against civilians.
PPA founded by Nazi. Wheeler and City Council lying about crime wave and defund.
Police funding has nothing to do with crime. Brandon Farley is privileged in being
able to file suit against the city. PPA implemented work stoppage. PPB is racist,
transphobic gang.

- **Sandy Chung**: Executive Director of ACLU Oregon. US was founded on protest. PPB has long racist history (possum incident, don't choke him, smoke him, Kendra James, Aaron Campbell, Quanice Hayes). PPB has history of disproportionate harm to Black community and intransigence in calls for change.
- **Javier**: PPB is untouchable becuase of union. Bootlickers say they need more training, but even Kammerer has 15 trainings about LGBTQ issues and still helps commit hate crimes. No faith in this process. Nothing changes. Rotten to the core. LAPD has Nazi gangs, can't trust IMLLC because of that connection. Apparent swing right in Portland is due to PPB/Wheeler propaganda.
- **Celeste**: Does IMLLC have the will to make changes? To protesters, be aware of provocateurs on all sides. PPB members have connections to the Oath Keepers. No amount of training matters if you have bad people becoming cops. When we do have cops, we have a bad system. I've worked with good cops who are threatened when they try to act with integrity.
- **Charli**: 2020s is just like 60s. Much of business impact downtown was pandemic, not riots. If anyone was rioting it was the police. Police were using expired CS/CN gas. That is a war crime. It has affected fertility, worsened diabetes, worsened heart and lung issues, and killed trees. Protesters kept bystanders safe by sharing masks.
- **Seemab Husseini**: Police Accountability Commission member working on fact finding. A lot of testimony has been given as input to house bills, including 3059, 2929, 2986, 2513, 3355, 2936. Bills were mediocre, but IMLLC should look at the testimony given for those bills. Don't re-traumatize, look at existing testimony. I still have lingering cough from tear gas. I've buried muslim community members due to gun violence (four this year).
- **Susan**: Lived here since 1983. Police are bigger threat than criminals. Police should be able to respond without poisoing the entire city. People in jail and apartments were exposed to CS gas. Police kettled protesters. That gets people hurt, not acceptable. They attacked impartial observers. Terror at protests was caused by police, not protesters.
- **Timothy Swells**: Was t-boned by Colby Mars at a July 16 protest at Kelly building after getting in car behind riot line. Got out (fight or flight response) and was called an ape by someone who is no longer an officer. We don't know why he isn't an officer anymore. No accountability. Why do you allow racist police officers in our city? They don't live here and they don't care about public safety. My life has been ruined for two years with pending felony charges for using my voice. You want to see a criminal, I'll show you a criminal. I've had it.
- **Dan Handelman**: PPB has history of disproportionate racist impact. PPB is about to implement a new crowd control policy before this incident review happens, that is incredible (not in a good way). Proposed policy changes are weak. IMLLC should review past PCCEP forums and CRC meetings. Police violence needs to stop.
- **KC Lewis**: Local activist attorney. Officer Corey Budworth pushed a protestor over and smashed her in the face. He was charged with a crime. He was an RRT member and he was charged like anyone else would be, then that entire team quit. PPB is operating as a criminal organization.

- Byron: PPB needs better cops, and less of a military presence. IMLLC should have BIPOC representation, everyone present for them is white. People coming to town halls should be solution oriented and stop the childish nonsense in the chat. People should talk to reps in Salem to get the laws changed. Bad cops should be fired. Training doesn't work if cops just ignore it. I need a cop in my neighborhood who knows me and doesn't assume I'm a criminal. I've gotten two jaywalking tickets in Portland, its not even illegal. White supremacy is real in Oregon.
- Yume Delegato: CRC vice-chair. IMLLC report is going to be the same as the OIR, and CRC, and PAAC, and all the reports that have been coming out since the 80s. PPB isn't holding to the existing standards. Following current rules would be a good start. There are many good recommendations, but what matters is whether they are followed.
- **EM**: Developed a cough and asthma after CS gas exposure. I can't bike for transportation anymore. Period cramps are debilitating. When will accountability happen? Chemical weapons should be banned and officers who repeatedly violate rules should be banned from interacting with the public.
- **Lawson**: there are so many reports, what will actually happen? How is this different?
  - **IMLLC**: We can only make a report. The only enforcement mechanism is a follow up assessment a year after the report is delivered.
- **Tara**: Not a resident, live in Puyallup, but visit often. PPB is savages, laugh at pain.
- **Someone**: Exposed to tear gas while walking with family near pioneer square. As a nursing mother, had to stop nursing immediately due to exposure. Had no idea what that could do to baby. It is very traumatic to stop nursing unexpectedly and without weaning. Instantly had a very heavy cycle after exposure. I don't know if I can get pregnant again.
- **Annie**: Believe the people who spoke up today. We suffered a lot. Police don't protect rights or prevent crime. They just waste resources.
- **Ben**: PPB has a history of leaking information about political figures and acting as a mafia.
- **Celeste**: Who has the power to implement recommended reforms?
- **Pastor Wisner**: Portlander for 30 years, PCCEP member. I'm hearing cries for help. We have to do better.
- **PPB Murdered Quanice Hayes**: Oregon's history is steeped in racism and that hasn't changed. DOJ cannot get PPB to change. We cannot reform this. Look into divesting from PPB. Safe communities negate the need for police.
- **ATS**: PPB and the feds didn't intervene until there was violence, and they announce unlawful assemblies 10, 15 times before coming out. There was violence and carnage in the wake of the protestors.